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May 2023 RAC Proposals Feedback
May 3, 2023 4:48 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the waterfowl rule and swan hunt recommendations?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about these waterfowl recommendations?

She stated that over 100,000 trumpeters migrate through utah. Allowing up to 20 to be harvested and keeping the rule as it stands is the best way moving forward. We are talking about .002% being harvested. I feel that it would be a huge disservice to the hunting community to make it 100% illegal.

Which best describes your position regarding the wild turkey management plan?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the wild turkey management plan?

How about we take some of that "conservation" expo money we raise so much from annually and catch these problem birds and relocate to better areas that are struggling or don't have turkeys in them yet, then instead of killing them off by means of a private turkey shoot. This state was well on its way to be crawling with turkeys 6 years ago before we declared war on them. Now they are in decline for a number of reasons, and the fall hunt certainly isn't helping. We can't grow deer or sheep or moose for nothing, and we continue to hammer away at the species that do want to expand without any intervention, like elk and turkeys.

Which best describes your position regarding the turkey recommendations for 2023?

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the turkey recommendations?

Either can the LE hunt all together or give out more tags. This isn't a "trophy" hunt, it doesn't need to be treated as such.

Which best describes your position regarding the upland game recommendations for 2023–25?

Neither agree nor disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the waterfowl rule and swan hunt recommendations?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about these waterfowl recommendations?

Why did we fail to mention in this video what the FWS recommendation was? What is the data from the testing telling us on where these trumpeters came from? Are they Yellowstone birds? What is the current trumpeter species population estimated at? Is it going up? Down? Is the harvest of 20 birds impacting said population? We just put a new system in place, why can't we give it a few years to see if that works before we change it? We had concerns in the past about trumps harvested at PSG, so it was closed to swan hunting. We open it back up and coincidentally start hitting the quota every year at that point. There's plenty of options to try before we just start making criminals out of an honest mistake, the majority of the time one is killed. You cannot compare identifying a species of duck to a species of swan. For what I would hope are, obvious reasons. A single duck and its unique coloring, wing beat and profile in the air is far easier to identify than a single white or gray bird. It would be more along the lines of telling the difference between the subspecies of a single Canada goose. Without something to compare it to, it's pretty [REDACTED] tough in many scenarios. We aren't comparing [REDACTED] and elbows here, we are comparing one [REDACTED] cheek against the other. In the past, a yellow lore present didn't ALWAYS get marked down as a tundra. And a trumpeter wasn't ALWAYS marked down as a trumpeter. It's pretty scary that a poaching charge could be thrown at you depending on which officer or division employee running the check station you run in to and what kind of day they are having. I don't know the answer is, but this isn't it if you need to have an attorney on retainer every time you go to check in a swan. It really feels like some Utah officials are just tired of doing their job and want the easy fix. The easier fix is close PSG to swan hunting.

*Remember, this could severely impact someone's livelihood and life long-term, when all they intended was to go have an innocent weekend swan hunt and then do the right thing when they realize a mistake was made. Please be smart with your decisions.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed revision to the pen-reared gamebird rules?

Neither agree nor disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the animal collection, importation and possession rules?

Neither agree nor disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU variance requests?

Strongly disagree

Which best describes your position regarding the Parowan Front WMA habitat management plan?

Neither agree nor disagree

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May 4, 2023 8:46 am

Which best describes your position regarding the waterfowl rule and swan hunt recommendations?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about these waterfowl recommendations?

I would rather see PSG closed back down before making it a Tundra only hunt. That is going to make it extremely difficult for young/youth hunters to identify a trumpeter from a tundra. Can you see a poor 13 year old kid shooting a trumpeter on accident and having it seized and a fine issued? Very hard for a new hunter

Which best describes your position regarding the waterfowl rule and swan hunt recommendations?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about these waterfowl recommendations?

I disagree with making Trumpeters illegal to harvest. We have an increase of 100k trumpeters, and we are not going to manage them?

Trumpeters are not listed as endangered or even a threatened species, other states have tried to implement a season on them and were unsuccessful due to anti-hunting pressure. The Central Flyway portion of Montana has even lifted the restrictions on the taking of Trumpeter swans and we are going backwards?

I also believe you are not comparing apples to apples on bird identification, ducks and geese are highly distinguishable from one another. I have guided and hunted swans for 30 years, if a Trumpeter is silent or not flying with Tundra swans, they can be almost impossible to tell apart on the wing. We have made it unsportsmanlike to land birds and shoot them on the water and this would be the only way to be 100% certain, after viewing it in binoculars to tell them apart.

If we must wait on FWS to come back with isotype testing and by the data I would rather see tag numbers reduced and a closure of the Northern boundary. I would like to see Utah work closely with FWS and push for an increase of study to see what population of Trumpeters we are seeing; do they need to be managed/hunted?

In addition, I think waterfowlers would like to know...

Will citations be issued to those that take Trumpeter swans?

What would the fine be and if it is considered poaching would one lose his license for 3-5 years?

Will enforcement be stepped up on WMAs to discourage wanton waste of those who accidentally shoot one?

Which best describes your position regarding the wild turkey management plan?

Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the wild turkey management plan?

I think your management plan has been very successful in increasing the turkey population in Utah. I purchased a fall turkey tag this year and was called and asked how my turkey hunt went. I missed my opportunity to complain that making the central fall hunt. A private Lyons only hunt made it almost impossible to find a place to hunt. If the regulation allowed you to hunt on public land that was within 400 yards of private land, we would be shooting the same turkeys and it would be much less stressful to hunt.

Which best describes your position regarding the waterfowl rule and swan hunt recommendations?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about these waterfowl recommendations?

I strongly disagree with the recommendation to make it illegal to shoot a Trumpeter Swan. We need to see the results of the study going on regarding trumps in our flyway. If you want to deter people shooting them make the penalty worse - say a 10 year ban before they can apply again. That's pretty severe. The Trumpeter is hunted in Montana and Nevada as well as Utah with no negative effect on the population. Please do not pass this as it will only result in Trumps getting shot mistakenly and stomped in the mud. At least now they can be brought out and not wasted. Follow the science of the pending study not the cries of the bird watchers.

Which best describes your position regarding the wild turkey management plan? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the turkey recommendations for 2023? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the upland game recommendations for 2023–25? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the upland game recommendations? I would like the DWR to advocate for more crane hunting opportunities in the future.

Which best describes your position regarding the waterfowl rule and swan hunt recommendations? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about these waterfowl recommendations? I am highly in favor of making trumpeter swan harvest illegal. The early season closures the past few years have been frustrating to say the least, and it's not unreasonable to ask hunters to make a positive ID before taking the shot. My one concern is that the bill measurement method isn't perfect and that some tundra swans measure as large as trumpeter swans. I would hope that there are other methods to differentiate between a large tundra vs. a trumpeter so no one is ever penalized for shooting a large tundra swan.

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed revision to the pen-reared gamebird rules? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the animal collection, importation and possession rules? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU variance requests? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the CWMU variance requests? We should remove all public land in North Peaks before we even think about letting them add noncontiguous private land. I also don't like noncontiguous additions in general because it would seem to eat up more acreage and lead to more tags allocated within CWMUS rather than the general season draw.

Which best describes your position regarding the translocation management plan for desert tortoises? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the Parowan Front WMA habitat management plan? Strongly agree

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May 9, 2023 9:37 am

Which best describes your position regarding the waterfowl rule and swan hunt recommendations?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about these waterfowl recommendations?

Close the public shooting grounds for the swan hunt swan hunting. The data is showing where the main problem is.

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May 2023 RAC Proposals Feedback
May 10, 2023 10:50 pm

Which best describes your position regarding the waterfowl rule and swan hunt recommendations?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about these waterfowl recommendations?

I do not support any changes to swan hunting in Utah. I recommend raising the trumpeter quota from 20 to 30.

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Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU variance requests?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the CWMU variance requests?

These lands have never been posted no trespassing until last year. The general public has had open access to hunt these lands.

This also opens up a can of worms and all of box elder county will be a CWMU.
